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Washington, D.C. 20590

**Pipeline and Hazardous
Materials Safety Administration**

DOT-SP 14692

EXPIRATION DATE: August 31, 2010

(FOR RENEWAL, SEE 49 CFR § 107.109)

1. GRANTEE: Airgas, Inc.
Radnor, PA
2. PURPOSE AND LIMITATION:
 - a. This special permit authorizes the transportation in commerce of certain Division 2.1 and 2.2 materials in DOT Specification 3A, 3AA, 3AX, 3AAX and 3T cylinders having a water capacity over 125 lbs that are periodically requalified every ten years rather than every five years. The cylinders must be horizontally mounted on a motor vehicle (trailer chassis) or in an ISO frame or other framework of equivalent structural integrity. This special permit provides no relief from the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) other than as specifically stated herein.
 - b. The safety analyses performed in development of this special permit only considered the hazards and risks associated with transportation in commerce.
 - c. No party status will be granted to this special permit.
3. REGULATORY SYSTEM AFFECTED: 49 CFR Parts 106, 107 and 171-180.
4. REGULATIONS FROM WHICH EXEMPTED: 49 CFR § 180.209(a) and part of § 180.209 (b), in that cylinders with water capacity over 125 lbs may be requalified every ten years and they are not required to be removed from bundles and hammer tested prior to each refill; and § 180.209(b)(1)(iv) in that ultrasonic examination is authorized in lieu of hydrostatic testing and visual inspection.

NOTE: This does not relieve the holder of this special permit from securing an approval for retesting cylinders from the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

5. BASIS: This special permit is based on the application of Airgas Inc., dated April 15, 2008 submitted in accordance with § 107.105 and the public proceeding thereon.

6. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (49 CFR § 172.101):

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Air, compressed	2.2	UN1002	N/A
Argon, compressed	2.2	UN1006	N/A
Cyclopropane	2.1	UN1027	N/A
Ethylene, compressed	2.1	UN1962	N/A
Helium, compressed	2.2	UN1046	N/A
Hexafluoroethane, compressed or Refrigerant gas R 116	2.2	UN2193	N/A
Hydrogen, compressed	2.1	UN1049	N/A
Krypton, compressed	2.2	UN1056	N/A
Neon, compressed	2.2	UN1065	N/A
Nitrogen trifluoride, compressed	2.2	UN2451	N/A
Nitrogen, compressed	2.2	UN1066	N/A
Nitrous oxide	2.2	UN1070	N/A
Oxygen, compressed	2.2	UN1072	N/A
Sulfur hexafluoride	2.2	UN1080	N/A
Tetrafluoromethane, compressed or Refrigerant gas R 14	2.2	UN1982	N/A

Hazardous Materials Description			
Proper Shipping Name	Hazard Class/ Division	Identification Number	Packing Group
Xenon, compressed	2.2	UN2036	N/A
Chlorinated hydrocarbons, fluorinated hydrocarbons, liquefied hydrocarbons and mixtures thereof that are commercially free from corroding components and have a dew point at or below minus 52°F at 1 atmosphere	2.1, 2.2	Various	N/A

7. SAFETY CONTROL MEASURES:

a. PACKAGING - Packaging prescribed are DOT 3A, 3AA, 3AX, 3AAX or 3T cylinders (tubes) mounted in a frame, or on a trailer chassis (tube trailers) or other framework of equivalent structural integrity (see § 173.301(i)), that are subjected to periodic requalification and marking specified in §§ 180.205, 180.209, and 180.213 except that:

(1) Each cylinder mounted in a frame or on a trailer chassis, may be requalified every 10 years in accordance with § 180.205 using either the hydrostatic testing and visual inspection described in § 180.205 or in accordance with current DOT special permits applicable to these DOT specification cylinders using one of the following methods:

- 100% ultrasonic examination (UE) or
- Acoustic emission and ultrasonic examination (AE/UE)

The 10 year requalification period applies only to cylinders that meet all requirements specified in § 180.209(b) except that the cylinders may have a water capacity over 125 lbs and they are not hammer tested.

(2) Every five years, each cylinder including the cylinders neck and flange/sleeve must be subjected to an external visual inspection (without disassembly) in

accordance with CGA Pamphlet C-6. A cylinder with excessive corrosion around the neck or under the flange/sleeve must be removed and examined. Airgas must record the results of the visual inspection for each cylinder or tube and submit the report to the Office of Hazardous Materials Special Permits and Approvals (OHMSPA) upon request.

b. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS -

(1) Before being used under the terms of this special permit, each DOT 3T cylinder (tube) must be subjected to shear wave ultrasonic examination (UE). The UE must be performed by an authorized DOT UE special permit holder or the cylinder (tube) manufacturer. Maximum acceptance defect (sidewall crack) for a tube that is tested by UE shear wave is 5% of the minimum design wall thickness of the tube.

(2) This special permit is limited to the DOT cylinders described in paragraph 7.a. above that are mounted horizontally in a frame or on a trailer chassis. Flat bottom cylinders are not covered by this permit.

(3) Maximum cycling (fillings) of each cylinder (tube) in a 10 year period must be less than or equal to 300. Airgas must record all fillings of each cylinder and submit the report to the OHMSPA upon request.

(4) All gases must have a dew point at or below minus 52°F at one atmosphere.

(5) Hydrogen and hydrogen bearing gases are not authorized in DOT 3T specification cylinders (see § 173.302a(a)(4)).

(6) Carbon dioxide or any corrosive gas in any concentration shall not be added to these cylinders.

8. SPECIAL PROVISIONS:

a. A person who is not a holder of this special permit who receives a package covered by this special permit may reoffer it for transportation provided no modification or change is made to the package and it is reoffered for transportation in conformance with this special permit and the HMR.

- b. A current copy of this special permit must be maintained at each facility where the package is offered or reoffered for transportation.
- c. MARKING:
- (1) An exterior cylinder (tube) on each side of the frame or tube trailer must be marked "DOT-SP 14692" with letters and numbers at least 2 inches high on a contrasting background.
 - (2) The current retest date must be marked on the rear or side of the frame or the tube trailer at approximately eye level. In the event retest dates of cylinders differ in the frame or the tube trailer, the oldest retest date (meaning the date of the retest that must occur first) will be displayed.
9. MODES OF TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZED: Motor vehicle, rail freight and cargo vessel.
10. MODAL REQUIREMENTS: A current copy of this special permit must be carried aboard each cargo vessel or motor vehicle used to transport packages covered by this special permit.
11. COMPLIANCE: Failure by a person to comply with any of the following may result in suspension or revocation of this special permit and penalties prescribed by the Federal hazardous materials transportation law, 49 U.S.C. 5101 et seq.
- o All terms and conditions prescribed in this special permit and the Hazardous Materials Regulations, 49 CFR Parts 171-180.
 - o Persons operating under the terms of this special permit must comply with the security plan requirement in Subpart I of Part 172 of the HMR, when applicable.
 - o Registration required by § 107.601 et seq., when applicable.

Each "Hazmat employee", as defined in § 171.8, who performs a function subject to this special permit must receive training on the requirements and conditions of this special permit in addition to the training required by §§ 172.700 through 172.704.

No person may use or apply this special permit, including display of its number, when this special permit has expired or is otherwise no longer in effect.

Under Title VII of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU)—"The Hazardous Materials Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005" (Pub. L. 109-59), 119 Stat. 1144 (August 10, 2005), amended the Federal hazardous materials transportation law by changing the term "exemption" to "special permit" and authorizes a special permit to be granted up to two years for new special permits and up to four years for renewals.

12. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Shipments or operations conducted under this special permit are subject to the Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting requirements specified in 49 CFR §§171.15 - Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents, and 171.16 - Detailed hazardous materials incident reports. In addition, the grantee(s) of this special permit must notify the Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, in writing, of any incident involving a package, shipment or operation conducted under terms of this special permit.

Issued in Washington, D.C.:



for Theodore L. Willke
Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety

Address all inquiries to: Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, East Building PHH-30, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Copies of this special permit may be obtained by accessing the Hazardous Materials Safety Homepage at http://hazmat.dot.gov/sp_app/special_permits/spec_perm_index.htm Photo reproductions and legible reductions of this special permit are permitted. Any alteration of this special permit is prohibited.
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